

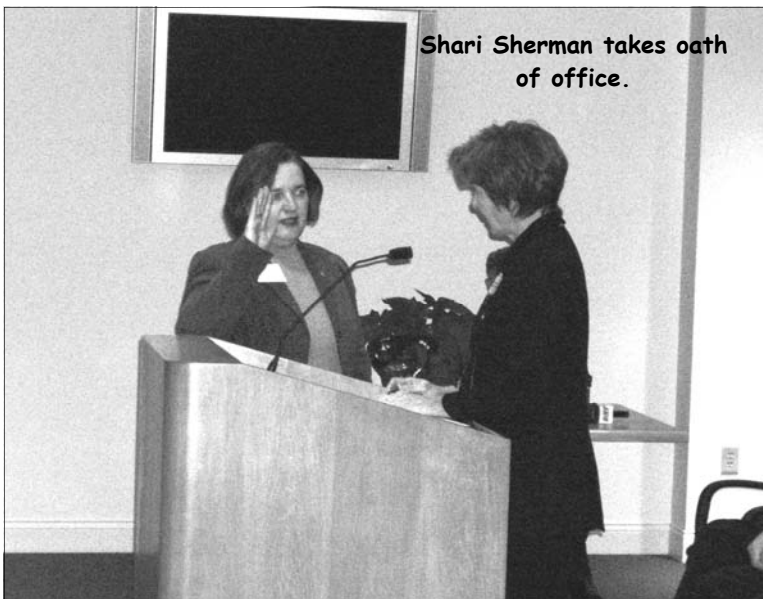
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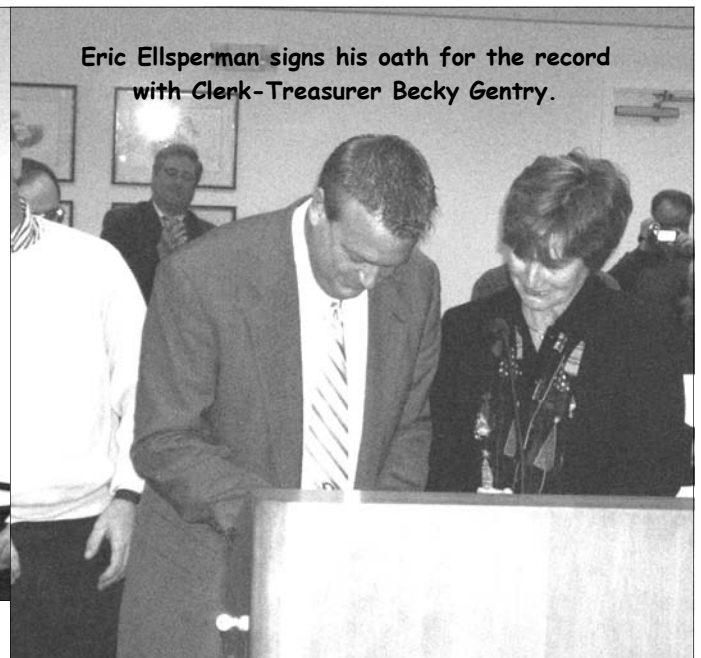
WINTER 2007

Town Council Members Sworn In

Council-at-Large Shari Sherman and newly elected District II representative Eric Ellsperman were sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer Becky Gentry and signed their oaths of office at the last Town Council meeting of 2006. In November, Shari Sherman was re-elected to serve another four-year term as the Council-at-Large representative, and Eric Ellsperman was elected to serve his first term on the Council as the District II representative. Sherman serves as 1st Vice President of the Council as well as Sewer Commissioner. She serves on the Personnel Committee and the Alcoa Community Advisory Board, and chairs the Veterans Monument and Nominating Committees.



Shari Sherman takes oath of office.



Eric Ellsperman signs his oath for the record with Clerk-Treasurer Becky Gentry.

Ellsperman was appointed Park Commissioner.

He was also appointed to serve on the Kiwanis Field, Nominating, and Veterans Monument Committees and chair the Arts Pavilion and Rivertown Trail Committees.

Anne Rust Aurand continues to serve as the District IV representative.

Bill Kavanaugh was elected by the Council as President, Shari Sherman as 1st Vice President, and Alonzo B. Moore, Jr. as 2nd Vice President.

Ken Hughes and Bob Seibert Honored

Ken Hughes and Bob Seibert were honored in December for their years of service on the Town Council. Hughes served as the District II representative for ten years; Seibert served District III for fourteen years. They both played key roles in many important projects in Newburgh including the Riverfront Walkway and the Newburgh Senior Center. They served the citizens with dedication and a love of this community.

Annual Awards Presented

(pictured left to right) Bill Kavanaugh, Linda Howell, Becky Gentry, Alonzo B. Moore, Shari Sherman, Melissa McGuire, Anne Rust Aurand, Jim and Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Maureen Coudret, Ken Hughes, Todd Titzer.



2006 Outstanding Citizen Awards were presented to Jim and Mary Ann Wilsbacher for their Water Street prayer garden, Melissa McGuire for her volunteerism with Historic Newburgh, Inc. and the Newburgh merchants, Todd Titzer for his work with Newburgh Senior Citizens, Inc., Maureen Coudret for her community gardening efforts, and Linda Howell for her neighborhood contributions.

The 2006 Good Neighbor Award was presented to the Historic Newburgh Wine & Art Fest Committee honoring their significant contribution to the good of our community. Committee members: Byron Sherman, chair; Charles Schneider, sponsorship; Randy Wheeler, marketing; Janet Bockelman, soiree; and Frank Hijuelos, education.

The 2007 event is slated for May 18-19.

Wine & Art Fest Committee and Elected Officials Pose with Award
(pictured left to right) Alonzo B. Moore, Ken Hughes, Anne Rust Aurand, Janet Bockelman, Frank Hijuelos, Byron Sherman, Shari Sherman, Bill Kavanaugh, Charles Schneider, Randy Wheeler, Becky Gentry.



With her usual poise, Lou Dennis accepted the honor of Resolution 2006-4 adopted by the Town Council declaring 12/22/2006 as Lou Dennis Day in Newburgh. The resolution honored Dennis for her unselfish devotion of countless hours and immeasurable energy to the community's organizations, activities, and events and recognized the positive impact she has had upon our lives.

Thank you, Lou.

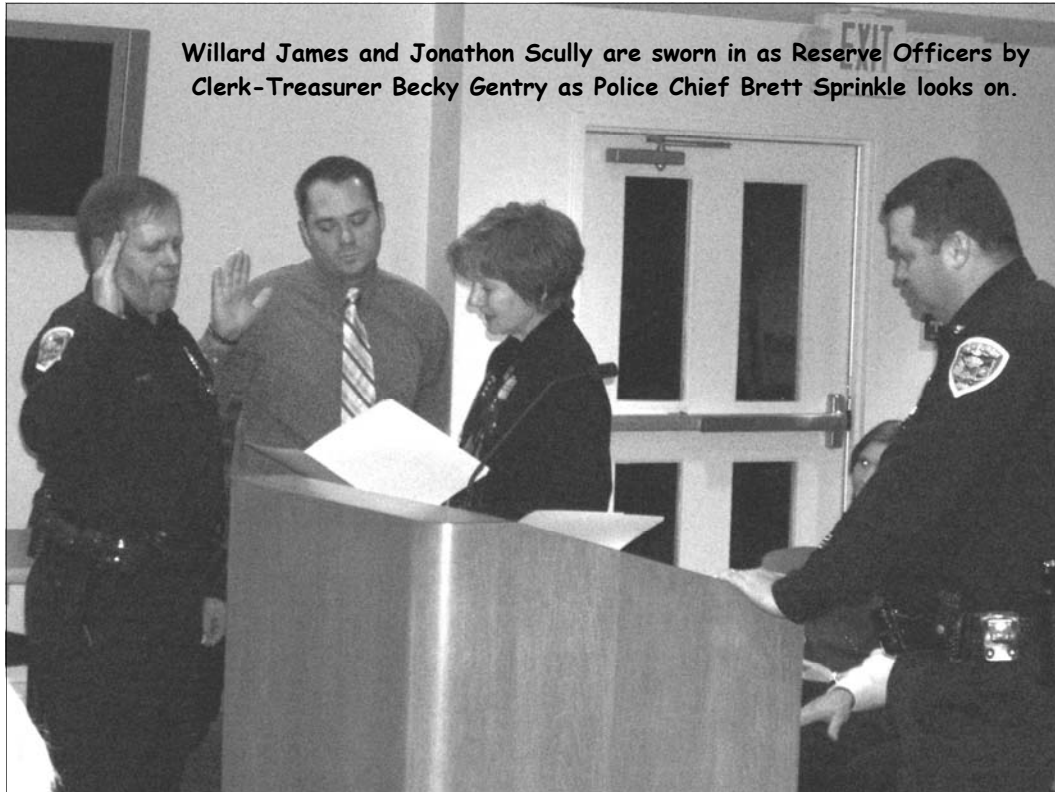


Newburgh Police Department Reserve Officer Program

Starting January 1, 2007, a Reserve Officer Program was established within the police department. The ordinance adopted by the Town Council allows for no more than three (3) Reserve Officers to be on the force at any time. Reserve Officers are not compensated

and work on a voluntary basis. Reserve Officers will have the same police authority as Merit Officers (full-time officers). A Reserve Officer must complete forty (40) hours of schooling before he/she is allowed on the road as an officer. After this required training is completed, it is the policy of the Newburgh Police Department to have each Reserve Officer ride with a Merit Training Officer for 750 hours of additional training.

Deanna Malcolm, Adm. Asst.



Willard James and Jonathon Scully are sworn in as Reserve Officers by Clerk-Treasurer Becky Gentry as Police Chief Brett Sprinkle looks on.

Record rain events in September resulted in storm ditches being over-taxed and the riverbank eroding along French Island Trail. Steel pilings were installed as a temporary emergency measure to support the sanitary sewer line and the storm drain as well as to stabilize the road bed. The permanent bank stabilization project involves the use of engineered fill capped with rip rap. The Town sought emergency funding from the Army Corps, but there were no funds appropriated for any new projects. The Town will receive bids on this project in February in order to complete work before the spring rains.

Shari Sherman, Sewer Commissioner
Alonzo B. Moore, Jr., Street Commissioner

French Island Trail Emergency



Town Hall Restoration to Begin

With the help of a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, restoration of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/old town hall will begin in March. After citizen and Council input from two public hearings held in 2006 and the oversight of the State Historic Preservation Office, David Wills of Hafer Associates has completed design work. Bids have been advertised and will be received at the February 14 Town Council meeting. They will be reviewed by the architect, engineer, and legal counsel, and a contract will be awarded as soon as the funds are released from the state. The exterior of the building will be faithfully restored and the historic features of the interior will be maintained where possible. The lower level will serve as a display area for town memorabilia. The upper level will be returned to its original use as a community assembly space, designed to be flexible to accommodate a variety of uses including performances, music events, receptions, and meetings. To increase the opportunities for community use, a full caterers' kitchen is incorporated into the project plan.



Anne Rust Aurand, Committee Chair

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853.3050

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Alonzo B. Moore, Jr. District III 490.0857

Anne Rust Aurand District IV 853.7538

Shari Sherman Council at Large 853.5447

Becky Gentry Clerk-Treasurer 853.7111

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Wastewater Facility Receives Award

Heath Dill receives the IWEA Laboratory Excellence Award on behalf of the Newburgh Wastewater Treatment Facility at the IWEA annual conference in Indianapolis. Congratulations to the laboratory team: Joe Potts, Rodney Larkins, Charlene Hopper, William Kramer, and Heath Dill. This is the sixth time that the Newburgh facility has won this award.

Leon Key, WWTF Superintendent





Color Guard from the American Legion Kapperman Post #44 participate in the Veterans Park dedication ceremony.

Veterans Monument



Council President Bill Kavanaugh and Veterans Monument Chair Shari Sherman review the monument plans with committee members Mike Brady and Byron Sherman.

On 11/11 at 11 AM the Newburgh Veterans Park was dedicated as a passive park to honor all veterans, past, present, and future, from all branches of the military. The committee has commissioned Commonwealth Engineers to design a simple monument that will honor veterans and remain in keeping with the neighborhood. Individual and corporate donations are the source of funding for this project. The sale of individual bricks has been brisk. Bricks 4 x 8 are available as well as 8 x 8 bricks which are reserved only to honor or remember a veteran. Order forms can be downloaded from www.newburgh-in.gov under "Veterans Monument" or are available at Town Hall, 23 W. Jennings Street. Monument dedication is expected in spring 2007.

Shari Sherman, Committee Chair

Park Board Investigates Community Park Improvements

Ever committed to the parks system in Newburgh, the Park Board is working with an aquatic consultant from Indianapolis to evaluate the short and long term needs of the Newburgh pool. Built thirty five years ago, the pool is in need of repairs and possibly some major renovations. The Park Board has hired an expert to assess the needs. They are also looking into resurfacing the basketball courts and the tennis courts as well as installing new fencing for the tennis courts. The Board will look at the options and move forward on projects as funding becomes available. As a generous Christmas gift to the Town, a couple anonymously donated two new basketball goals for the park. These will be installed when the courts are resurfaced. Citizens can look forward to a revitalized Community Park.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

The **Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association** recently received a Department of Homeland Security grant to add exhaust removal systems to the department building. The fire department is actively seeking other grants to help with fire department operations. Greg Lueken was selected by the association to serve another term as Newburgh Fire Chief and was officially appointed by the Town Council at the last meeting. NVFD is always looking for committed men and women to volunteer in our community.

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Castle High School FFA Design Town Hall Landscape

The forty seven members of the FFA club and Ms. Kimberly Hahn's Castle High School landscape class are working with local landscape architect Richard Mitchell to design the area at the Jennings Street entrance to Town Hall. With the help of a professional, the students are working through the design process, brainstorming ideas, and coming up with a plan. These student community volunteers have established goals, have worked to overlay those goals onto the actual space, are developing focal points, and are researching appropriate plantings for the area. Once the design is complete, the students will plant and maintain the garden.

Landscape architect Rick Mitchell works with Ms. Hahn's class on design ideas.

